

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement in recognition of National Agriculture Week, which runs March 17-23, 2013. National Agriculture Week celebrates the achievements of agriculture throughout the country.

"Agriculture is the vigor of Iowa life, and a bright spot in the national economy," said King. "Iowa's Fourth Congressional district is the premier agriculture district in the country. Producing more eggs and pork than any other district in the country, the Fourth also competes for the top spot in both corn and soybean production. More ethanol and renewable energy is produced here than anywhere else in the nation. Iowa farmers are proud to market these products of unmatched quality throughout the globe.

The truism, 'all new wealth comes from the land,' is realized every day right here in Iowa. Agriculture roots run deep in Iowa. As an agribusiness man and now a Congressman, agriculture has always been, and remains, a focus of my life. I will continue to drive sound agriculture policy in Washington, D.C. and serve as a strident voice for our farmers in Congress."